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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT FOR CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT

1. FRANCISCO DARQUEA, A WELL-KNOWN FORMER TELEVISION COMMENTATOR IN ECUADOR, CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON AMBASSADOR BREWSTER ON SEPT. 9. HE EXPRESSED THE CONCERN OF HIMSELF AND A GROUP OF UNSPECIFIED FRIENDS ABOUT ASSUMED GROWING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN ECUADOR. AS EVIDENCE, HE CITED COMMUNIST PARTY SUPPORT FOR RODRIGUEZ LARA DURING THE RECENT COUP ATTEMPT, AND WHAT HE TERMED THE CERTAIN APPROVAL OF AEROFLOT'S REQUEST TO SERVICE ECUADOR, WHICH WOULD PERMIT FURTHER COMMUNIST PENETRATION. DARQUEA SAID HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE CERTAIN THAT THE RODRIGUEZ LARA GOVERNMENT WAS "MORTALLY WOUNDED" AND THAT HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE ORGANIZING FOR A CHANGE BY OTHER THAN MILITARY MEANS.

2. DARQUEA SAID THAT COMMUNISTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND THAT HIS GROUP, WHILE MAINTAINING ECUADOREAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE SOLELY THE CONCERNS OF ECUADOREANS, NEVERTHELESS WISHED TO DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS WITH THEIR NATURAL FRIENDS, THE AMERICANS. DARQUEA SAID, "WE WISH TO KNOW WHAT GROUND WE ARE WALKING ON." DARQUEA SAID HIS GROUP HAD IN MIND A VERY PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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ETC. PERSON THAT THE WOULD WANT TO TAKE OVER AS INTERIM PRESIDENT. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING OF GALO PLAZA.

3. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED MR. DARQUEA THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HIS INQUIRY AND THAT IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

4. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY OR DESIRES ANOTHER REPLY, THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO COMMUNICATE WITH MR. DARQUEA LATER AND STATE ON INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE U.S. HAS NO DESIRE OR INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ECUADOR NOR TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ERRONEOUSLY INTERPRETED BY OTHERS AS INTERVENTION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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